

Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A medical instrument comprising:
an instrument body having at least one outer surface,
a recess which is provided in said instrument body and which comprises a collar
forming an undercut in at least one partial region of the recess, said collar having an
inside diameter,
a non-contact wireless readable data carrier being embedded in said recess, said
data carrier having outer dimensions which are smaller than said inside diameter, and
means an embedding medium arranged between said data carrier and said
recess and forming a body by means of which means said data carrier is non-
removeably held in said undercut floatingly embedded within said recess.
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2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The medical instrument of claim 3 1, wherein said embedding medium has a first elasticity modulus and said instrument body has a second elasticity modulus, and wherein said first elasticity modulus is larger than said second elasticity modulus.

5. (currently amended) The medical instrument of claim 1, wherein said means include an embedding medium having has a first elasticity modulus and said instrument body has a second elasticity modulus, and wherein said first elasticity modulus is smaller than said second elasticity modulus.

6. (canceled)

7. (withdrawn)

8. (currently amended) The medical instrument of claim 1, wherein said ~~means~~ include an embedding medium having has a first heat conductivity, wherein said instrument body has a second heat conductivity, and wherein said first heat conductivity is smaller than said second heat conductivity.

9. (currently amended) The medical instrument of claim 1, wherein ~~said means~~ include further comprising at least one spacer arranged between said data carrier and said recess.

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10. (withdrawn)

11. (original) The medical instrument of claim 1, wherein said recess comprises an opening which forms a window in said outer surface of said instrument body.

12. (original) The medical instrument of claim 1, wherein said recess is made visually recognizable in the region of said outer surface.

13. (original) The medical instrument of claim 1, wherein said data carrier is surrounded by a glass casing.

14. (original) The medical instrument of claim 1, wherein said data carrier includes a transponder having an antenna.

15. (withdrawn)

16. (new) A medical instrument comprising

an instrument body having an outer surface,
a recess provided in said instrument body, said recess having a recess opening
forming a restriction such that the recess opening is smaller than the recess;
a wireless readable data carrier located in said recess, said data carrier being
dimensionally smaller than the restriction formed by the recess opening such that said
data carrier may be directly inserted into said recess through the restriction formed by
the recess opening, and
an embedding medium arranged in said recess and around said data carrier
forming a body that is dimensionally larger than the restriction formed by the recess
opening such that said data carrier is non-removable held in said recess.

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